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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Settlement of DOJ vs. Microsoft

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I was extremely pleased to hear that the Department of Justice has decided to settle its antitrust dispute against the Microsoft Corporation, which is why I have taken this opportunity to write to you during this comment period to express my opinion on this issue.

Millions of dollars and countless hours have been wasted on both sides of this dispute. Microsoft has completely changed for the better the way most companies manage their business on a day to day basis. Why did our Government set out to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs? This settlement will be good for the American economy.

I am pleased that we may be able to finally put this lawsuit behind us. I am pleased that you have had the foresight to settle this case on the federal level. We do not need congressional action on this matter. Hopefully the states that are still considering litigation will see the wisdom in settling.

Sincerely,

Thomas Holmes